

## Health Checks

Please complete regular checks with your children regarding their health needs. Frequent checks for head lice, skin sores, school sores can be treated quickly when detected early.

## Community News

**PPG Wrightson** Any farmer who purchases selected Balance fertiliser from PGG Wrightson between 1 March and 31 May will be able to enter their school of choice in a draw to win one of four HP computers. Also, \$2 cash on every tonne sold will go the school to help with fundraising. All you have to do is nominate which school you want to support at the time of ordering. Please pick Waitomo Caves School.

**Women's International Hockey Series in Hamilton** NZ Women's Blacksticks vs. Argentina, Wednesday 31st March 2010. Gallagher Hockey Centre, 7.30pm, Curtain Raisers 5.25pm. \$15 Adult, \$5 School Child, Pre-school Free, Family Pass \$35. Bring your whole family and see these Top Ranked women's teams in action and pick up some new skills for your 2010 hockey season. See [www.waikatohockey.org.nz](http://www.waikatohockey.org.nz)

Would you like to try **Speed-booking** during the school holidays?

When: Wednesday 7 April

Time: 10.30am to 12 noon

Where: Otorohanga Library

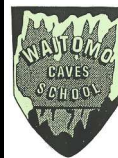
Speed-bookers sit across from each other in pairs. Each person has three minutes to give an overview of their book and for their partner to ask a question, before everyone moves on to their next "date". Preparation: Bring along a list of the books you've enjoyed reading lately. Refreshments will be served. Ages 10-13. Phone 873 7175 to register.

**Junior Rugby Muster & Registration** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March – 9am to 10.30am at the Otorohanga Rugby Club. Any enquiries please ring Paul McConnell 0272901922.

## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

21 March	AgrikidsNZ Challenge
23-25 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
26 March	Hearing and vision screening
27 March	Waitomo Sports Day
30 March	BOT meeting
1 April	Community Assembly
2 April	End of Term 1
19 April	Term 2 begins

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# Newsletter

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Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term One 2010

Week Seven – 20 March

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Well, it's been a very busy term and it's almost over. The school holidays are nearly here and we've all had a great start to the school year.

Thank you for a great turnout at the recent Parent Meeting. There were discussions on Te Reo language programmes, reporting to parents, national standards, curriculum maths, Board elections, sports day fundraiser and winter sports. Minutes of the meeting will be circulated once they have been typed up.

Yesterday I attended the Waikato Principals Association 'Catch up Day' in Hamilton. I will share the details in the next newsletter. In the meantime thank you to Ms Beth Dalton for relieving for the day in the senior class.

## Winter Sports

Please discuss with your children the options of winter sports this year. Parents have decided not to over commit with too many sports this season however the choice is up to individual families. Once we know what interest's children have and support from parents we will endeavour to work towards school teams. Please complete and return the Winter Sports consent form to school on Monday. We are also waiting for confirmation of interested adults to coach a senior school soccer team.



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## Board of Trustee Elections

There are two school weeks left of this term and then one at the beginning of Term 2 before nominations for the board of Trustees close. Please get your nominations in promptly. Currently we have not received any. We require six representatives for positions on the Board.

Thinking about joining or wish to nominate someone to represent you on the Board of Trustees? Come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 30 March held at the school at 6.00pm.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will take place next week. By now parents will have received notices to indicate times suitable for meeting with your child/children's class teacher. Please fill these out and return them by Monday so we can confirm times. We hope not to have any times clash however this sometimes happens and we will be in touch with you if we need to reschedule and look at different times more suitable.

## Reporting to Parents

Building strong partnerships with student's parents, families and whānau helps them to be more involved in their children's learning, which in turn helps children with their learning. Reporting in plain language helps parents, families and whānau to be clear about where their children are at, how to support their learning and to be aware of any problems early. Waitomo Caves School reports to parents in many ways such as parent/teacher/pupil interviews, community assemblies, parent meetings, newsletters, portfolios, written reports, formal and informal chats. Parents are always welcome to pop in and see what is going on in class. If you want to talk with staff just give us a call and we will arrange a time to meet.

## Next Parent Meeting

A parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20 April which is the second day in Term 2. I have invited Constable Steven Ryburn to talk with our community about the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme which we will be working on in Term 2 throughout the whole school. Timoti Harris, the Otorohanga College principal, will also attend the meeting and will inform us of his Kura.

At the previous meeting, meeting times were discussed and it was suggested that we set a time and stick with it as being the same time every parent meeting. Parents are committed to making themselves available for that meeting to keep them informed about school. The slip accompanying this newsletter will give you an opportunity to indicate what time would best suit you for meetings. The decision will be made with the majority.

## Sports Day

Sports Day is coming up on Saturday 27 March and we need your help. You may have already heard from a group of parents who are co-ordinating this fundraising event. We need cakes, biscuits, muffins, baking, savoury slices and a variety of goodies to sell at the canteen. We need chocolates, Easter eggs and treats for the Easter raffle. We also need people on the day to help in the canteen, crank up the sausage sizzle and sell raffles. If you have any questions please call Alannah 8787995 or Vickie 878789.

## Year 9

It is always exciting to hear from past pupils and after speaking to James Batger recently it's neat to know he is enjoying his secondary schooling at Otorohanga College. James has made a lot of friends in Otorohanga and his favourite subjects are English and P.E. He is particularly enjoying learning new fitness games in P.E.

## AgrikidsNZ

This contest is a challenging and fun competition combining practical, mental and physical skills. The competition consists of a series of tasks related to the sort of after school/holidays hands-on tasks that kids age 9 to 12 years can do. AgrikidsNZ teams consist of 3 children: Year 5 to Year 8 (mixed sex teams). Tasks in the competition could include:

- Electric Fencing
- Milking a Cow
- Go-Cart Jousting
- Sling Shot
- Building a Gate
- Assembling a horse bridle

Get along to the Te Kuiti Domain on Sunday from 8.00am to 1.30pm and support our three teams. Marines are Aorangi, Trent and Dallas. Waitomo Warriors are Tasman, Jodie and Angel. Steelers are Blaze, Ratapu and Cheyenne.

Keep cool with water!

### Wai water?

Keep yourself cool this summer by drinking water. Water helps to keep you hydrated and also makes sure that your body is working properly.

Make sure you drink plenty of water during the day especially when it's hot.

Remember, when you start to get thirsty you are dehydrated and your body needs some water, so drink up!

